

Scoggins Iestes.

WHEREIN

is declared his pleasant  
pastimes in France; and of  
his meriments among the  
Fryers: full of delight  
and honest mirth.



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Certaine merrie Iestes of  
Scoggin, translated out  
of French.

How Scoggin was banished out  
of England.



When at that tyme there was  
a Gentleman of y<sup>e</sup> Ci-  
tie of London, that  
had a faire maye to his  
daughter with whom  
Scoggin fell in love,  
and dealing tyme while  
to winne her to his  
pleasure, whom he

hunted in all places where she went: not  
withstanding she flatly denied him, which  
bred the greater fire to his beastly desire, and  
therefore in an evening as this maide went  
some two miles of, to a house that her father  
had, Scoggin met her by the way as he  
in blew garment, for all over with little

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Scarres of golde having a latwne ouer his  
 face, and with a counterfeite voyce shewen  
 her that hee was some strange fortune teller:  
 declaring vnto her that strange misery would  
 shortly fall vpon the people of the Citie for their  
 finnes, with many other speeches touching  
 the same purpose, and further willed her to  
 shew it to the people that they might with fa-  
 sting and prayer pacifie Gods anger, telling  
 her withall how she had refused the loue and  
 friendship of a good and vertuous man named  
 Scoggin: who in the same place (a little be-  
 fore) made sute vnto her for that she denyed  
 him; and therefore if he sought any thing at  
 her hands hereafter, that she should obey him,  
 and there should great happynesse follow her  
 by it, and withall charging her that she should  
 not discouer it to any creature liuing: the sim-  
 ple wench beliened all for truth, and deliuered  
 it as a Prophecie to her acquaintance to fore-  
 warne them of that which should happen a-  
 mongst them: for the which cause (many at  
 the first feared much, and in the meane time  
 this poore wench yelued to his wantonnesse,  
 which was shortly after spied by the turnche  
 great belly, and the practise discovered, by  
 which cause Scoggin was brought before the  
 chiefe Magistrate, and according to the law



was for ever banished the land, as he was wel  
worthy.

How Scoggin made an Oration  
at Calis.

**B**Eing thus banished England Scoggin  
cloathed himselfe like a Scholler, and  
crossed the Seas from Douer to Calis: whe-  
ther being come and lacking money: he laide  
a wager with one of the Burgomasters, that  
he would make an oration in the middle of the  
market place, which should make one halfe of  
his auditors to laugh, and the other halfe to  
weepe, for the which purpose and for the win-  
ning of his wager he put on a garment that  
was very short behind, without any breeches  
at all, he entred vp to a high Scaffold wherein  
the middlest of the audience, he did so behe-  
mently set forth the story of the wofull de-  
struction of Jerusalem, that the whole assis-  
tance wept teares at the pitifull remembrance  
of it, which Scoggin perceiued he then laid his  
hands a crosse and seeming to shew a great de-  
uotion he bowed his head so low, and lifted vp  
his taile so high, as he discovered his backe  
to, prouoking all those that sate behinde him to  
laughter, which was in my mind a pleasant  
part to win a drunken wager with all.

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How Scoggin plaid the Phisyon.

**S** Coggin traueilling further vp into the Countrey of France he lodged in an old Abbey of Puns, where there was one of them named Isabel who being a swete smoth facit gire, had by chance a great grieve in her thigh, and was greatly troubled therewith for the space of five moneths (and in the end acknowledging her vntowzthinesse to pray vnto God or to be heard of him,) she prayed to S Dominick that he would be a mediator betwene God and her, that she might recover her health: after which the deuotions, Scoggin perceiuing the matter how it went, appatelled himselfe like to S. Dominicke, and came to her in her slape, and with annointment that he had, he annointed her thigh, and made her whole: & when she asked the name of so pretious a remedy, he answered that it was the ointment and balme of loue for the further iudgement thereof, I leaue it to the description of the Reader whose conceite therein, I suppose will ioyne with mine.

How Scoggin got himselfe an Office.

**V** Athin a while after this: Scoggin came into Pickardie where lived a knight of great liuings and had many good offices in the house, of which Scoggin had great

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great desire to haue one, whereby he might the better maintaine himselfe: whereupon he oftentimes made great sute to the Steward and other chiefe officers in the knights house, and withall giuing them still some one present or other, desiring him enermore to remember him. and they did answer him alwayes with one voyce, saying, stay awhile and thou shalt haue the first place that is voyde. But still when it came to the pinch, there was alwaies some excuse or other, either that the office was too great, or that it was too little, and he should haue a better, or that they were constrained to giue it to some of their byethzens kinsmen and without faile he should haue the next that did fall and with these words they kept Scoggin still off, so that the time went away, and he serued in the knights house without any reward: in the end Scoggin perceiued himselfe neuer the nearer, nor one whit the better but that he lost his time, his money & his paines determined to make no longer sute but studied how to flout them for their vngreatfulnesse: whereupon after this when he espied convenient time, he came to the chiefest among them, and praised them one after another to dine with him the next Sunday following at a house of one of his friends, for he could doe no lesse then

besto a banquet of them in regard of their  
good wills towards him: They promised him  
one after an other to come together but yet  
fearing to haue a slender dinner of Scoggins  
provision, giuing better credit to his wordes  
then his kitchin, each of them sent his seuerall  
dish of meate afoze hand, the which Scoggin  
toke and put all together in a great pot, but  
God knoweth in what order, for one had sent  
a Capon in stewd broth, another Chickens in  
white broth, another pebowed Beefe and  
Turnups, another a legge of Mutton and such  
like some sent their meate sodden and some ro-  
sted: when the steward and his fellows came  
to dinner and saw this kinde of seruice, they  
had no stomaches to eate, but carried each  
man to see when their owne meat should come  
in. Scoggin went to and fro very buisie, as one  
that was carefull to see them all serued, but  
at last one of them said, I pray the Scoggin  
take away these porridge and giue vs the meat  
that we sent hither, why these are yours (quoth  
hee) ours said they yet that they are not: yes truly  
quoth he to one, here is your beefe & turnups, to  
another hee is your stewd broth, to another  
here is your white broth & so forth, now truly  
said they we were neuer thus bled, now the  
hinel take all, for I thought this sole would  
moke

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mocke vs : now I pray the quoth one, where  
didst thou learne to put our meat thus together  
for being by it selfe alone it had bene good, but  
mired thus together it is quite spoyled & right  
naught: euen so (quoth Scoggin) are you my  
passengers, for when you be each alone by your  
selues, there is nothing better then you are, for  
then you promise mountaines, but when you  
are together, you are naught like your pos-  
tage, and will performe nothing. They all  
perceiuing well what he ment, said vnto him,  
ha Scoggin, we know well to what end this  
thy doing was, thou hast good cause to be con-  
sidered: But in the meane time shall wee not  
dine? Yes that you shall said he, better then  
you are worthy: then brought he them forth  
other meate that he had provided, and set be-  
fore them, wherewith they were all pleased:  
thus when they had well dined, they went  
away and concluded, from that time forth  
that he should be made an officer in y<sup>e</sup> knights  
house, the which was done, for he was with-  
in few daies made chiefe warrenner of all the  
knights Parkes and Forrests: And thus his  
invention and deuise of pottage did preuaile  
more then all his importunate suites before  
time.

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### How Scoggin feasted the Knight; his Master,

**T**his Knight was a batcheler and delighted much in Soggins merriments, for in his lodge he would alwayes keepe good sheare, as commonly most inarriners doe and withall a cup of good wine, and now and then a prettie wench to pleasure the Knight his master, so vpon a time this youthfull knight sent him word that he would come the next day to supper to him in his lodge, but he would haue him to prouide nothing but light meates, because he found himselfe not well at ease, Scoggin sent him word that he should be verie welcome, and by and by he prouided good floze of calueskins, and sheepskins, & put them all to boyle in a great pan minding therewith to feast the knight his master, when supper time came and his Master set at table, at the first messe he set befoze him, these lodden calue skins: to whom the knight said: what meate is this thou bringest me? what doest thou meane thus to mocke me, Sir quoth Scoggin you sent mee word yester day that I should prepare for your worship light meates, but when it came to the dressing they went al to the bottome of the pan until at the last I found these skins that swam aboue

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about the water, and they are therefore the lightest meat that I could find. the knight thou wast never good in all thy life, nor never wilt be: well sirra for this knaughty trick I will teach thee with whom thou hast to do: Scoggin notwithstanding had provided other kind of meat for his maisters supper the which he caused to be brought forth and did so well use the knight his maister, that he was therewith well pleased, and so gaue Scoggin for this time and so departed after supper againe home to his owne house.

How the Knight was lodged in  
Scoggins house.

**A**nother time as the aforesaid K. had bin a hunting he grew belated, and because he would not ride home in the night he and al his traine intended to lodge in Scoggins house for that night: wherupon after the knight had supped with that he found there made ready he withdrew himselfe to rest: but Scoggin that knew his maisters complexion provided him a tender pidgeon to lye withal at night the knight going to bed well pleased with this his diet, had Scoggin use his men no worse then he used himselfe, and likewise (quoth he) let my horses be as well used as my

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my selfe too, for I doe put my trust in thee: Scoggin forgot not these wordes, but tooke his leaue of his maister till the next morning, and as he helped him to a bedfellow, so had he for each of his men a Goship, that they might be vnto no worse then their Maister: and likewise sent straight vnto the next town, to borrow good stoe of Hares, and within a short time, he found enough to serue his turne, the which Hares he put amongst the Knights great hoxses which began to sing, kicke, and keepe a soule stir, insomuch that the Hoxsekeeper was faine to forsake his sweete heart, to appeare before the people betwixt the hoxses and Hares. The next day in the morning the Knight would needes know what ayled his Hoxses to keepe such a coyle in the night: The hoxsekeeper thought to haue excused the matter but could not: Sir quoth the Hoxsekeeper, the occasion was because Scoggin had put Hares to your stond Hoxses, whereupon the knight presently sent for him, and rebuked him with many reprochfull wordes, saying, wretch that thou art, wilt thou alwaies play the knaue with me in this manner? thou hast spoyled my hoxses and yet thou carest not: why (quoth Scoggin) said you not yesternight to me, that your hoxses should be as well vsed as your



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your selfe: I haue done the best that I could doe to them, they haue had way and Dates their belly full, and they haue had straw tyme to the hard belly, so that they wanted but each of them their female which your worship had your selfe, and therefore I sought them the like in the next towne. Now a vengeance on thee thou vngreacious barlet, said the Knight, dost thou tell me of such things, hold thy peace, we will reckon together, and then I will reward thee according to thy doings and so went his way for that time and left Scoggin there deuising in his craftie mind, how to get his good will and fauour againe, but so it hapned that within two or thre dayes upon a further displeasure which Scoggin wrought by his too much rashnes, that hee was put out of seruice, and sent away to seeke himselfe a new Maister, thus you may see, how a man may lose that in an houre that was not got in a yeare.

How Scoggin was hired to be a Horse-courlers seruant with whom he dwelled.

**A**s Scoggin after this came into a country village, there came vnto him a certaine  
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hoyseconrser that hired him to be his man, who  
said vnto Scoggin that he should liue merrily,  
and eate of the same meate and drinke that  
he himselfe and his wife did, and that he should  
doe all things with halfe the labour that other  
seruants did, so Scoggin was content to serue  
him: within a while after the Hoyseconrser  
wife dressed a couple of Chickens for her hus-  
bands dinner, and bad Scoggin turne the spit,  
and so he did, but when the Chickens were  
inough he pulled one of them from the spit, and  
eate it vp without any bread: of which the  
good wife complained of to her husband, who  
presently came vnto his man Scoggin and  
said vnto him: Sirrah what is become of the  
other Chicken? marry quoth Scoggin I haue  
eaten it: for you said that I should eate and  
drinke of the same that you and your wife did:  
therefore I haue eaten one of them, and the  
other I leaue for you and your wife, for I  
was affraide, that you should haue offended  
God in breaking y<sup>e</sup> promise you promised me:  
wherefore I haue deuised them betwixt vs  
equally. When said his Maister, Sirra, I care  
not for the Chickens, but I would haue you  
please my wife and doe after her command-  
ment, marry so I wil quoth Scoggin, where-  
vpon euer after this, when she bad him doe  
any

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any thing he did but halfe, for when he had him fetch a bucket of Water, he went and brought it but halfe full of Water, and when he should bring two logs to the fire, he brought but one, and when he should giue the beasts two bottles of hay hee gaue them but one, and when he should fetch a pet full of beere he brought it but halfe full, and so he did of many other things moze. Then complained shee againe to her husband of Scoggins knaueries, who came vnto him, and said, Sirra I badde you should doe what shee commanded you, Scoggin answered, I haue done as ye bad me, for you said to me when I was hired, that I should doe all things with halfe the labour that other seruaunts did: with that the house-courer laughed, and then said his wife: If you keepe this vngtations knane any longer, I will not tarry with you, but depart away: then he turned Scoggin out of his service for his wiues sake.

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How Scoggin set a whole towne  
together by the eares.

**A**T Easter following Scoggin came to the  
same Village againe, at which time the  
Parson of the towne (according to the order of  
the popish Clergie would needes haue a Stage  
play,) and as in that age the whole earth was  
almost planted with superstition & idolatry, so  
such like prophane pastimes was greatly de-  
lighted in, especially playes made of the Scrip-  
ture at an Easter, as I said before) the Parson  
of the Village would haue a play of the resur-  
rection of the Lord, and for because the men  
were not learned, nor could not reade, hee took  
a lemmann that he kept (hauing but one eye)  
and put her in the grace of an Angell which  
when Scoggin saw, he went to two of the sim-  
plest fellows in the towne, that plaide the  
three Maries: and the Parson himselfe, plaide  
Christ with a banner in his hand. Then said  
Scoggin to the simple fellows when the An-  
gell asketh you whom you seeke: you must say  
the Parsons lemmann with one eye, so it fortu-  
ned that the time was come that they must  
play. and the Angell asked them whom they  
sought? Parry quoth they, as Scoggin had  
taught

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taught them, was seke the Priestes lemmen  
with one eye, which when the woman heard,  
she arose out of the grane, and all to be scrat-  
ched one of the poore fellows by the face that  
plaid one of the three Maries: whereupon hee  
soundly buffeted her about the eares, the priest  
seeing this threw down his banner and went  
to helpe his lemmen, with that the other two  
fell upon the Priest, the cleark likewise took  
the priests part, and many other of the pari-  
shioners on the contrary side, so y<sup>n</sup> short time  
the whole towne lay together by the eares  
in the middle of the Church, which when  
Scoggin perceived he went his way out of  
the village and came no more there.

How Scoggin made the country peo-  
ple offer their money to a dead  
mans head.

**V**pon a time when Scoggin lacked main-  
tenance and had gotten the displeasnte of  
his former acquaintance by reason of his crat-  
ty dealings and unhappy tricks, he betought  
himself in what manner he might get money  
with a litle labour, so travelling y<sup>n</sup> into Nor-  
mandie, he got him a Priestes gowne and clo-

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then himselfe into a Scholler, and after went  
into a certaine Churchyard, where hee found  
the skull of a dead mans head, the which hee  
tooke up and made very cleane, and after bore  
it to a Goldsmith, and hired him to set it in a  
Kud of silver, which being done, he departed  
to a village thereby, and came to the Parson  
of the Church, and saluted him, and then told  
him that he had a relique, and desired him  
that he would do so much for him, as to shew  
it unto the Parish, that they may offer to it  
and withall promised the Parson that hee  
should haue the one halfe of the offerings:  
The Parson moued with courtesie, he gran-  
ted his request, and so vpon the Sunday  
following told his Parishionars thereof, say-  
ing that there was a certaine religious schol-  
ler come to the towne that had brought with  
him a pzeious relique: and hee that would  
offer thereunto, should haue a generall par-  
don, for all his forpast sinnes and that the  
Scholler, was there present himselfe to shew  
it them: with that Scoggin went vp into the  
pulpit, and shewed the people the relique  
that he had, and said to them that the Dead  
spake to him, and that it bad him: that hee  
should build a Church ouer him, and that the  
money

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mony that the church should be builded with  
all should be well gotten: But when the peo-  
ple came to offer to it Scoggin said vnto them  
al you women that haue made your husbands  
cuckolds, I pray you sit still and come not to  
offer, for the head had mee that I should not  
receiue your offerings, whereupon the wo-  
men and their wiues came thicke & thriseould  
to this offering, and there was not a woman  
but she offered liberally, because that hee had  
said so, and he gaue them the blessing with the  
head: and there was some that had no money  
that offered their rings and some of them that  
offered twice or thrice because they would bee  
sene: Thus receined he the offerings both of  
the good and the bad, and by this praitise got  
a great summe of money: After this when they  
had all offered, and were departed home: Scog-  
gin went to the parson and deuided the offe-  
ring and gaue him a part thereof, where with  
the parson was well content: And the wo-  
men there about made very much of Scoggin  
and maintained him along time amongst  
them.

How Scoggin deceiued a Vintner at  
Paris in France.

**V**pon a time after Scoggin was come bu-  
to Paris the chiefe citie in France, he  
heard tell of a wine draker that was so proud  
and arrogant in all his doings that few men  
could endure his company, and it was repo-  
ted that there was no man that could deceiue  
him or ouerreach him by wit, wherupō Scoggin  
thought in his minde how he might deceiue  
him, & then he tooke 2. gallon bottles & one full  
of water, & the other quite empty, the bottle of  
water he hid vnder his cloake that no man saw  
it, and so went with & empty bottle in his hand  
and gaue it the Vintner to fill with wine, the  
which he did, and when it was full he brought  
it vp to Scoggin and gaue it him, and then  
in the meane time whilst the Vintner looked a-  
rooe, Scoggin tooke the bottle of water fro vnder  
his cloake and put the wine in the place,  
and then asked the price of it. Harry quoth  
the Vintner it comes to eightene pence, then  
quod Scoggin it is too deare for mee, for I haue  
but twelue pence in my purse, and so gaue him  
againe the bottle of water in stead of the wine,  
the which he tooke all in anger and boze it  
downe



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Downe againe into the seller, and pōsed out the water into the vessell which he thought to be wine, and then came and gaue Scoggin the empty bottle saying: make you me to fill wine, and haue no money to pay for it, belike you thinke to make me a foole, no quoth Scoggin you make a foole of your selfe, & with that word hee went away with the bottle of wine and drūnk it merrily amongst his companions

How Scoggin got a twelue monthes  
boord of an Inne-keeper.

Scoggin remaining still in Paris, was gretly beloued for his subtil wit & crafty deceites by which meanes he got such fauour of an Inkeeper there, that he had meat drūnk, & lodging a whole yere vpon credit, at the yeres ende the Inkeeper demanded his money of a surety for the payment thereof, & which Scoggin promised to do, so gathering his wits together for the discharge of his debt, Scoggin goes vnto a certaine doctoꝝ of Physick, & said vnto him good Sir this it is, mine host where I lie, and haue this 12. month, was taken this night with an euill spirit, now I desire you if you can by practise to helpe him thereof, and you shalbe well rewarded maister doctoꝝ, that would by

the helpe of God cure him therof, and that very  
 shortly: but (quoth Scoggin) you must tary two  
 or three daies befoze you take him in hand, for  
 it may not be done in hast: therfore I wil goe  
 fetch his wife, that shee may heare your pro-  
 mise, so Scoggin departed home to his house,  
 and tolde him that hee had found a suretie for  
 his debt, and it was master Doctor Dole a  
 neighbour of his, wherof the Innkeeper was  
 ioyfull and sent his wife with Scoggin to wit-  
 nes Master Doctors promise, and being both  
 come to his house, Scoggin said vnto him, and  
 please you M. Doctor heare is the mans wife  
 that I told you of, I pray you say vnto her as  
 you said vnto me, marry that I will qd. he, and  
 helpe her husband too, but I pray you good wife  
 (qd. the doctor) let your husband be content for  
 at 3. dayes end he come to him and performe  
 your request in all things. Upon this promise  
 away went the woman with a merry heart  
 to her husband, and tolde him that Ma-  
 ster Doctor at three daies ende would fulfill  
 your desire vpon this, the Innkeeper reko-  
 ned with Scoggin, and so parted friends.  
 Now at the three dayes end hee sent his wife  
 to the Doctor for this money, who came vnto  
 him & asked him for the debt he had promised to

pay for Scoggin. Why quoth the Doctor, did  
 your Husband bid you say these wordes to  
 mee? he did (quoth shee) then said the Doctor,  
 that is the false diuell within him that would  
 haue the money: then said she what false Di-  
 uell meane you? giue me my money: Then  
 said the Doctor, it was tolde mee that your  
 husband was possessed with a Diuell, goe,  
 bying him to mee and by the Grace of God I  
 will helpe him, whereupon the woman all  
 in an anger hies her home, and tels her hus-  
 band of the Doctors speeches, who sitting then  
 by the fire side, where meate was roasting:  
 in a iurie bp he gets, and takes spit and roast,  
 and all, & runs to the doctors house like a mad-  
 man, thinking to runne him through. The  
 Doctor seeing him, was afraid, and called to  
 his neighbours to helpe him to take the man  
 that was so beset with the diuell. The Inke-  
 per still cryed anane giue me my money: the  
 Doctor still answered, anside sathan: the neigh-  
 bours they ran betwixt them, and kept the In-  
 keeper from spitting the doctor. The subtilty of  
 Scoggin at last being brought to light, they held  
 themselves satisfied, but as long as the Inke-  
 per liued hee asked Hall for his money, but the  
 Doctor answered him still, that hee ought him  
 nought, and naught hee would pay him,

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but afterwards said, if you be taken with a diuell,  
I shall helpe you therof, but neuer after loined  
they one another.

### How Scoggin gaue a Dutchman a Purgation.

**S** Scoggin travelling betwene Paris and  
Orleance in France he hapned to lodge  
in a countrey Inne where many Hollan-  
ders likewise lodged, & Scoggin brought  
with him two Egges which he roasted for to  
eate, for he was sickely and weary with tra-  
uell, and could eate no flesh, which when one  
of the Hollanders perceiued, he said vnto him  
Is it enen so my friend, will not your Hostesses  
meate serue you, but you must bring meate  
with you? and with those wordes he took the  
Egges and roundly supped them vp, and  
when he had so done, he gaue Scoggin the  
shels againe, saying, hold here is thy bore,  
but the reliques be gon wheret all the rest of  
the guests laughed heartily: and so did Scog-  
gin himselfe, who in reuenge thereof, went  
presently into the next room, and fetched a  
faire Apple and cut all the roate thereof, and  
put therein a strong purgation, and after roa-  
sted

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sted it in the fire, which being done, he cut in  
pieces vpon his trencher, and strewed it all o-  
uer with the powder of Ginger, and so setting  
it vpon the Table he went his way as though  
he would haue fetched moze: but as soon as  
he had turned his backe, the Hollander take  
the Apple and ate it in as great haste as he did  
the Egges befoze, and by and by, he fell to par-  
braking, and cast vp all in his belly, and was  
so sicke thereof, that the host, and all his guests  
thought that he would haue died of the Apple.  
Then said Scoggin to the guests, be not afraid  
of him, for it is but a little purgation that I  
haue giuen him, and the roasted apple I see is  
an enemy to the Egges, and will not let them  
rest in his maw, but that they must needs  
come out againe, whereat the guests made  
good sport and laughed heartily, when the pur-  
gation had wrought what it would the Hol-  
lander amended, and after said to Scoggin,  
roast, eat what thou wilt, & for he neuer ate  
any moze with thee againe.

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Now Sooggin frighted his hoast with  
the skin of a dead Beare.

**T**HE hoast of the aforesaid Inne was  
a merrie disposed mocking fellow, and  
in a vaine glorie still commended his owne  
bolonelle, but so it fortuned the same night  
whilst Scoggin remained there, there came  
riding late in the evening three Marchants of  
Paris to the said Inne, but because it was very  
late ere they came there, the hoast of the house  
angrily asked them where they had beene so  
late, so (quoth he) it is no time now to take  
up your Inne. When the Marchants answer-  
ed, be not angry sir I pray you, for we haue  
beene hunted with a wilde Beare, and could  
not escape him till even now. When quoth  
the Innekeeper in mockage to them, what a  
shame Gentlemen is it for you three to bee  
hunted with one Beare: Now I tell you  
what, if there came tenne Beares to me (be-  
ing but one) in the field, I would haue slaine  
them every one, and thus mocked hee the  
Marchants all supper while.

Scoggin sitting by the fire side, and hea-  
ring all this, after supper concluded with the

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Marchants, to our-reach the beast in his  
 owne scoffes: whereupon Scoggin went into  
 the towne and brought a Beares skin, that  
 was but newly dead, and priuily brought it  
 into his chamber: and when the Jankeeeper  
 and all his household were gone to bed, hee  
 stuffed the Beares skinne with straw, and  
 dressed him with stiches, to make it stand  
 firme, and put two Childrens shooes in his  
 mouth: and after set him by in the Hall as  
 though he had bene alive: & he rested till the  
 middle of the night. and then Scoggin had the  
 Marchants call very earnestly for drinke,  
 the which they did: whereupon the host  
 called by his maide to fetch them some, who  
 lighted a Candle, and going into the hall, she  
 spied the Beare with two childrens shooes in  
 his mouth, wherewith shee was so frightened  
 that she ranne downe into the Cole-house and  
 hid her selfe, thinking that hee had eaten up  
 both her maisters children. Then called the  
 Marchants againe for drinke, wheras the  
 host commaunded his man to arise, who  
 likewise going into the Hall and seeing the  
 Beare, for feere let fall his Candle, and ranne  
 into the Keller, thinking the Beare had eaten  
 up the maide.

Then called the Marchants the third time,  
and desired the host himselfe, to fetch them  
some drinke, for they said as yet that no body  
came or else to giue them a candle, and they  
would drinke it themselves: with that the good  
man arose himselfe, for he thought that both  
his man & his maide were fallen asleepe again,  
and then lighted he a candle, and went like-  
wise downe into the hall, where he spied the  
Beare and was so frighted therewith, that he  
fell vnto the ground, and cried out mainely to  
the Marchants for helpe, saying, that the  
Beare had eaten both his man and his maide,  
who hearing their maister call for helpe, came  
vsodainely to helpe, so did the Marchants  
who exceedingly laughed at this hardy man,  
that would haue slaine ten Beares, and yet  
was made affraide of one dead Beares skin:  
when the Ynn-keeper saw that it was done  
in mockerie, hee was so ashamed that he wist  
not what to say, and so went to bed: and then  
in the morning arose the Marchants and paid  
their charges, and so rode their wayes, and af-  
ter this, neuer would the Ynn-keeper boast of  
his manhood any more.



How Scoggin answered to all manner  
of questions that was  
asked him.

**A**fter this Scoggin came vnto the citie  
of Cane in Normandie where William  
the Conquerour King of England was buri-  
ed, and there set vp bills vp and downe the  
towne, vpon euery poast and Church doore,  
that hee would giue a right answer to euery  
question that was put vnto him: whereupon  
came many learned men vnto him: whereof  
there was one that asked him how many  
Gallons of water was in the Sea: Then  
answered Scoggin, Stop all the Riuers that  
do run into it and then I will measure it, and  
tell you iustly how many gallons there bee:  
then thought the other that it was impossible  
to do, and so was content with that answer:  
Then asked hee Scoggin another Question,  
which was this. How many dayes were past  
since Adams creation till this time? Parryed  
Scoggin there be but seauen dayes past: for  
when the weeke is done, beginneth still an-  
other seauen dayes, and so sooth to the end of  
the

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the world. When said the other, now tell me the third question, which is? Where is the middle of the world? then answered Scoggin to him: What is here in the middle of this house: for if you will not beleue me, take a roard and measure it: whereat the proposer grew angry, and asked him how farre was the earth from heauen? Why quoth Scoggin that is hereby, let mee sing neuer so softly: here, but it is heard in heauen, and if you will not beleue me: take a ladder and goe vp into heauen, and I will here speake very softly: and then if you heare it not I will lose my credit. When quoth the other, how wide is heauen? and how broad is it? Why quoth Scoggin, it is twelue thousand mile broad: and ten thousand mile wide, and if you will not beleue mee then must you goe take the Sunne, the Moone, and all the starres, and goe measure them, and if you finde it not as I say. I will giue the mastery to you: with that the learned man knew not what to say to Scoggin, but that he was to crautie for them, and to giue him the victorie and praise.

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Of the merry talke a country-woman  
had with Scoggin.

**A**fter this Scoggin was esteemed in all  
places for a most wise and sensible man,  
and the better beloved of the people, because  
he loved to sport and jest, and would take it for  
good part to be jested withall: upon a time one  
came unto him, and in this meanes said unto  
him, Sir this it is, you are a man of great wis-  
dome and therefore I come to craue your ad-  
uise in a matter of great waight: I haue a  
sonne that is twenty yeare olde and better,  
and hath gone a yeare to Schoole in our Pa-  
rish, therefore I would haue your counsell  
how I might doe to haue him made Priest,  
but I feare me the Pope will not suffer him  
by reason of one thing that he hath not, which  
will be great hinderance to him Scoggin take-  
ing pleasure in the womans simplicitie, saide  
unto her, what is it good wife? Sir so it is that  
he hath not: what is that he hath not? said  
she, ha good Sir, said she, he hath not, I dare not  
tell it, for you know well enough what men  
carry? hath he no long hose? no, (quoth she)  
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It is not that I would speake, for he hath nothing: you vnderstand me well enough, yet in the ende she said vnto him, and please you sir, when he was a little Boy, he fell of a ladder and so brake them, that hee was faine to be gelded and had it not bene for that mischance, I would haue married him, for he is the tallest of my children, (in faith) said Scoggin that is a small fault, and wil be no hinderance to him to be made a priest: but yet sir, there is another thing that wil be his hinderance, which is, he can speake no latine: for that let me alone to teach him, therefore good wise when you please send him to me and I wil prouide him latine enough: wherenpon the poore woman gaue him great thanks and so she departed away.

How Scoggin taught a French-man  
Latin to carry him to  
the Pope.

**T**His young clownish Frenchman being a Norman bozne, by his mothers appointment came vnto Scoggin, and told him that he had a desire to become one of the Church, but he could write and reade very little, nevertheless hauing hard say, that money made all,

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all, he brake his mind unto maister Scoggin asking his counsell how to rule and gouerne himselfe in this matter, merr, quoth Scoggin the Pope (when thou comiest to be admitted Priest) cannot vnderstand thy Naturall speech, I will learne thee to speake so much Latine as shall serue thy turne when thou art before him, which being well placed, he shall thinke thee to bee a profound Scholler. The Frenchman was very glad to heare these tidings, so that in all hast he would needs know these three wordes. Friend, said Scoggin, so sone as thou art come before the Pope, thou shalt fall downe vpon thy knees. saying, Salue sancte Pater: Then he will aske thee in latine, Vnde es tu: that is to say, of whence art thou? Thou shalt answer him, De Normania: then he wil aske thee, Vbi sunt litterae tuae thou shalt say vnto him, In Mentica mea, and presently without any more adoe thou shalt be made a Priest: wherupon the Frenchman being so merr and iocund that he remained fiftene dayes with Scoggin to learne these three Latine wordes, and when he thought that he had learned them well, he tooke his iourney towards Rome, & by the way he did nothing but repeat his Latine, but in repeating it so often

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often he forgot the first word, Salue sancte Pa-  
ter: And knew not how to learne it againe,  
nor where to finde a man could do it: But see  
the lucke of it: he chanced vpon a Saturday  
mornning to come into a church to pray, where  
as he heard them sing the Masse of our Lady,  
which was salue sancte parens, wherunto the  
Frenchman gaue eare: now God be praised  
and our blessed Ladie, said he, I haue found  
my Latine againe, and so set forth with his  
Latin, salue sancte parens, thinking it to be the  
right. And at length he came to Rome, before  
the Pope, & did his reverence vpon his knees,  
saying vnto him, Salue sancte parens, the pope  
said vnto him. Ego non sum mater Christi:  
The Frenchman answered: De Normania:  
The Pope grew angry, and said Daemonium  
habes? in manica mea, and torced the French-  
man: and therewithall he put his hand into his  
leeue to pull out his letters, the Pope began  
to be afraid, thinking he would haue pulled the  
diuell out of his leeue, and ran away as fast as  
his legs would beare him. Thus was our  
poore gelled Frenchman disappointed of his  
priesthood, who for very griefe within a while  
after died and was buried by a company of  
Friars of the holy order.

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How Scoggin coufoned the Friers  
as in Rome.

Presently vpon the Frenchmans iourney  
to Rome, Scoggin left France, and like-  
wise went to his Rome: whiche he was no for-  
mer comyn, but inquiring of the Frenchmans  
prouersings, who had intelligence that he was  
went for griefe, to herd vpon Scoggin in a mo-  
kerie, went to a certaine company of gray Fri-  
ers, who made them knowe that the French-  
mans soule was in Purgatorie: and if he  
would giue them ten Ducquets they would re-  
deeme him from thence, the which he earnest-  
ly promised: Wherupon the Friers fell all to  
their charmes and saleme masses, to redeme  
as they reliued the poore Frenchmans soule  
out of purgatorie: which being done as they  
thought, they came to demand their ten Duc-  
quets of Scoggin, who asked them if there was  
any danger of his returne againe to purgato-  
ry, being anced by their good prayers deliuered  
from thence: They answered no: Why then  
quoth Scoggin, it were a needlesse charitie to  
giue any thing to him, that is already in safe-  
ty, and therefore I thinke it good policy to keep  
my money in stoze to pleasure some other poore  
soule not yet deliuered, and so sent them away  
fasting without their money.

## Sooggin's life.

How Sooggin sat at the

Pope's table.

**V**pon a time a month after Sooggin  
had been in Rome, he got so much  
sought that he was upon a time  
bidden to supper by the Pope  
himself, and being in the midst of their sym-  
bols, the Pope asked his servants for the pre-  
fect that was a great officer in his kitchen, which  
he commanded to be kept for his supper, which  
not being done at such a time he grew into a great  
rage for he thought he sitting there by him at board  
permitted his business not to be angry: To  
whom the Pope replied, saying: If God  
were so highly esteemed in Paradise, for ca-  
sing out our father Adam from thence,  
and only for eating an Apple: why should  
not I, being his vicar on earth be more sur-  
ous for a peacock, knowing how farre it is  
in value above a rotten apple.

How Sooggin used a Taylor

in Rome.

**V**pon a time there was a simple Taylor  
dwelling in Rome, that upon a day came

into



into a church where the image of Saint Iohn Baptist was honoured, who falling on both his knees, he humbly desired to know whether his wife (at any time) had wantonly abused him, and what fortune should follow his young sonne, Scoggin standing by, (and well practised in such kinde of toys) hapned to over-heare his petition? who secretly stepped behind the alter, and taking the voice of Saint Iohn, answered him, my deare friend and faithfull follower for thy long reuerent worshipping, and deuotion thou hast done to me, I will truly tell thee: Thy wife hath many times boyled thy head, and thy young childe within few yeares shall be hanged: wherefore depart in peace since thy prayers be heard? Whereat the Taylor rising vp in a rage, took his leave without a farewell but when he was a little past from him, without any reuerence, he turned backe and said, what art thou for a Saint? Scoggin answered. I am thy god Saint Iohn Baptist: O my Saint, (quoth the Taylor) thou art the diuell, a slanderer, and a soule moult's game, as thou hast bene since thy beginning: for that babbling tongue of thine, caused Herod worthily to cut off thy head. I haue prayed to thee this

thirty peates, and haue offered more candles  
before thee then I am worth: wherefore I will  
be thee hanged as thou wast headed before: I  
will come to thee againe.

**How Scoggin took a Friar**

**I**n Rome there was one friar Thomas,  
who to obserue the strait lawes of their  
religion, had his concubine close in his bed to  
help him say his mattens at midnight: now  
Scoggin being well acquainted with this  
friar, made bold of his company at all times,  
so coming by of a sodaine into the chamber  
in the morning (by chance they both a slepe)  
he sawe theye naked feet hang out of the bed,  
thereat he saweth greatly to wonder, and so-  
dainly put his hand out of the window and  
mainely cryed, what he, come for a miracle,  
come for a miracle, for friar Thomas hath  
some legges: whereupon they were so affa-  
med that they knewe not how to excuse the  
matter.

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## How Scoggin coniured a walking Ghost.

**VV**hilst Scoggin remained at Rome, he lodged in the house of a widow that had great store of money, which a certaine young gentleman of the towne perceived and to the end to get some of it from her, in the evenings he came into her house & lapped himself in a white sheete, counterfetting a spirit, thinking that she would run her wayes, and leane her money to his disposing. A wise man that was wise perceived the mysterie, and therefore caused her guest maister Scoggin the next day to come and lie secretly in the chamber by her, who in the place of a conjuring booke, brought a good cudgell, and withall filling his head with drinke to be the harder: but at last about midnight the spirit appeared as befoze, and began with fearefull noise pittifully to cry: whereupon the Coniurer, (who had not digested his liquoz) sodainely set upon him, and so basted him on both sides with a cudgell saying, if thou be the diuell, I am his damme: and he had vtterly spoyled him, if he had not the sooner discovered himselfe.

How Scoggin put a Country Gentle-  
man out of his Dreame.

**V**pon a time there was a Gentleman  
of the Countrie which greatly loved  
hunting and took therein so much delight in  
the day time, that in the night hee would rise  
up in his sleepe, and beginne to cry, hollow,  
and whop after his hounds, as if he had bene  
abroad in the day time. This Gentleman  
on a time came vnto Rome, and lodged in the  
same Inn where Scoggin did: and in the  
same Chamber, but in going to bed, this  
Gentleman said vnto Scoggin, friend I pray  
thee be not offended with mee for this one  
night for I haue an impediment, which is to  
crie in the night after my hounds for I loue  
hunting so well that euery night I thinke I  
am at the game. Scoggin hauing heard before  
time of his humors, said vnto him: Oh Sir  
(quoth hee it taketh mee after the same man-  
ner, for I am a Carter, and thinke euery  
night that I am alwayes whipping of my  
horses, and driving of my Cart, and by  
no meanes can I leane it, well said the Gen-  
tleman we will therefore beate one with the  
other,

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other, he goeth to bed, and was no sooner en-  
 tred into his first slepe, but he started out of  
 his bed, and went crying about the Chamber  
 so how, so how, so how, at this cry Scoggin a-  
 waked, and went downe into the stable and  
 fetched a Carters whip, and perked the gen-  
 tleman to and fro about the chamber, crying  
 how ree howe bay, dun go, what howe  
 I say: and withall so perked the Gentleman  
 up and downe, who awaked with the pearkes  
 of the whip, and in stead of crying after his  
 boundes, he changed his tune, and cryed out  
 for helpe, saying I amaine, I amaine, but  
 still Scoggin with his whip fetched him to  
 and fro about the chamber: Untill at the last  
 the poore gentleman was faine to get him vn-  
 der a table, & there hid himselfe without spea-  
 king a word, which Scoggin perceiued, he let  
 downe his whip and went to bed, and began  
 to snort like on that had bin in his dead slepe.  
 The good wife of the house arose, lighted a  
 candle, and found the Gentleman hidden vn-  
 derneath the board, in such a little corner as  
 would scant serue a Cat to goe in, and all his  
 bodie and legges were so grievously be pain-  
 ted with lashes, as if it had bene the picture  
 of Chast: the which surely was a great mi-  
 racle,

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rare, for neuer after that time did he once rise  
up to cry after bounds, as befoze he was wont  
to do in his flape: whereat his friends and kin-  
dred did much maruell, that knew his quality:  
neuer was one man moze bound to another  
then was the Gentleman to Scoggin, who had  
healed him of such an infirmitie as that was.

How Scoggin asked a Frier a question.

**V**pon a time after a Frier had said Masse,  
he invited Scoggin home with him to  
dinner, being set amongst their delicacies, the  
Frier most highly commended his owne de-  
votion, affirming that he had the same day  
with the Memento of one masse (and at one  
instant) deliuered ninety and nine soules out  
of purgatory: whereupon Scoggin asked him  
merely, why he left an odde one behinde, and  
made them not an hundred, marry quoth the  
Frier if the clap of the Church window had  
not so suddenly started me, I would haue per-  
formed the iust number of an hundred.

Of the Frier and the Coblers man.

**V**Vhilst the frier & Scoggin sat thus at  
dinner, there came a Coblers man  
to

to him and profered the Frier a good reward to  
be a meanes to the Pope that hee might be  
made a Priest: now this Frier first to proue  
his sufficiency in latin said vnto him, es tu dig-  
nus? the poore fellow answered, no Sir I thanke  
you, I will dine with your servants, believing  
that dignus had bene to dine.

How Scoggin counselled the Frier  
to forsake swearing.

**T**he Calozesaide Frier vsed very much to  
swear and for every slender cause would  
take the name of God in vaine, but so it chan-  
ced that as the Frier walked along the streets  
of Rome, to be sore hurt with the stroke of a  
hoyle, Scoggin being in his company, and  
knowing his blaspheming humour, said vnto  
him, Sir this will make you leave your swea-  
ring: who sodainely answered, now by the  
body of God I will take heere hereafter how  
I swear.

How Scoggin lay all night with a  
Glouers wife

**S**coggin being still a batchler, and a very lu-  
sy youngman, he fel in loue with a glouers  
wife (whose husband was somewhat antient &  
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alwayes when her husband was at any faire with his ware to stay al night Scoggin would be sure still to lie with her, but it so fortuned one night about the rest, as hee was in bed with her, that one of her little Children fell one in the bed with his mother, to whom the little child said, mother I pray you who lies with you now my father is away, why no body quoth she, but God a mighty and thou and I this telled secret so2 a time, but within a while after his father being at home, and sitting at his vnzze playing with the said little child Scoggin by chance came by, whom the child espying, said vnto him. oh father see yonder goes God a mighty that lay with my mother all night: thinking he said well because his mother had told him so.

## How Scoggin deceiued a Doctor of Physicke.

Scoggin to satisfie the honour of certain Gentlemen, his familiar acquaintance most commonly approued the skill of a simple Doctor of Physicke that dwelt not farre from Rome, and thus it was hee took a faire Urinall, and filled it halfe full of good wine,



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and boze it to this Doctoꝝ, saying it was a fishemans water, who vieweing it and tossing it by and doctric as though hee had great knowledge: quoth he, the Patient whose water is full of grosse humoꝝ, and hath need of purging, and to be let some ten ounces of blood: So you Dunce replied Scoggin, it is good paste, and with that drunke it off, and threw the Urinall at his head.

How Scoggin proued the Doctor, a foole by Nature.

**N**Ot long after Scoggin to make the Doctor amends, gaue him a booke to his newwreares gift, called, The secrets of Nature, the which Maister Doctor receiued with great kindnesse, and to shew how kindly hee accepted of it: he presently before Scoggin began to peruse it: where amongst other things he read, that a boy and a long bearded man argued the man to be a foole, for that he had of he to be a candle in one hand, and a glasse in the other, vieweing whether he was incended with it, but holding the Candle so neare his beard that it singed it close to his chin: at which the Doctor in a rage threw downe the glasse,

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glasse, and ranne away all ashamed into the chamber, whereupon Scoggin took pen and inke, and in the instant writ, *Probatum est*

How Scoggin the third time made a fool of  
of M. Doctor.

**N**otwithstanding for all these tricks  
done by Scoggin against the Doctor, yet  
above all other hee delighted in his company,  
as thus: the Doctor having occasion to ride  
from Rome to Venice, requested Scoggin to  
ride with him, who willingly promised him:  
where riding by a wood neere unto Rome, the  
Doctor began to be afraid of theenes, who be-  
ing in bodily feare by chance he saw a farre off  
a troope of people comming toward him, but  
he desired Scoggin to ride before to discover  
what they were, meane while he hid himselfe  
behind a bush, Scoggin comming unto them  
understood that they concluded a merchant  
to execution. He being in a merrie humour,  
straight set spurs to his horse, and galloped  
backe againe towards the Doctor, beckoned all  
the way unto the Doctor, as he passed towards  
him to be gone and shift for himselfe: which  
the doctor perceiving, away he rides towards  
Rome,

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Rome, as though hee had rie vpon life and death: and being alighted at his owne doore he there attended Scoggins comming, who immediatly alighted there also, panting and blowing, saying vnto him, O. Doctor you are happy that haue so wel escaped their hands for if he be hanged for killing one man, what would they haue done with you that haue killed and poysoned so many? the Doctor seeing himselfe so flouted, in a furie thrust Scoggin out of his house, and neuer after would abide him.

### How Scoggin answered a Popish Priest

It was Scoggins chance vpon a time to be in a Church in Rome, whilst a holy frier was casting about his holy water, whereupon there came a priest vnto Scoggin and reprimanded him because hee did not put off his Cap, when the frier sprinkled him with holy water, who answered, If it haue power (as you say) to passe to purgatorie; surely it must haue rather passage through my Cap.

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Of a Iesuite that spake against  
Scoggins

**A**fter this Scoggin grew in hate among  
the Iesters, because he many times made  
Iestes upon them. whereupon there was a  
Iesuite that would alwayes speake mightily  
against Protestants, thinking Scoggin to be  
one, affirming that he would proue a Prote-  
stant worse then a Diuell, for (said he) if I  
mecte with a Diuell, and blesse my selfe but  
with the signe of the crosse, hee will straight  
flie from me: but if I make the signe of the  
crosse to a Protestant, by God he will flie vp-  
on me, and be ready to strangle me.

How Scoggin questioned with the a-  
foresaide Iesuite.

**S**coggin having heard of the simplicitie of  
this Iesuite, came vnto him, and asked him  
the reason why God gaue vnto the good thiese  
paradise, and the cause that hee went straight  
thither without passing first into the purgato-  
ry: marry he quoth the Iesuite, I haue read,  
that when Christ was carryed into Egypt,

(with)

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(with his mother by Ioseph ) the same these would not suffer his companions to robbe Christ, noz any that were with him: and with-  
al saying to Christ, remember this good turne I haue done thee , which was then promised him and perfozmed, when they met both at execution, this was the simplicity of the Iesuite.

Of anorher question propounded  
to this Iesuit,

**S**Coggin meaning yet to make this Iesuit  
a more fowle, asked him how Christ liued  
whilst he was a Boy ? whereupon the Iesuit  
shamed not to say , that after Christ grew to  
some strength, Ioseph began to teach him his  
occupation, and one day amongst others , he  
set him to saw a peece of timber , but Christ  
not regarding the marke that he should haue  
sawed by, cut it too short: whereat Ioseph was  
very angry, and would haue beaten him, if he  
had not hastily taken by the one ende and cra-  
ning his fathers helpe to hold the other. vzeu  
it out of the same length that Ioseph would  
haue it. The which blasphemie the Iesuit iu-  
stified for a truth.

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How Scoggin proued Mustard to  
haue wit.

**S**coggin being an Ordinarie in Rome,  
and sitting with Gentleman, to make  
them merrie, would approue Mustard  
(standing before them) to haue wit,  
how so sayes one: It is like a wittie scould:  
meeting another scoulde, knowing that  
scould will scould, begins to scoule first: so  
sayes he, the Mustard being lickt vp, and  
knowing that you will bite it, begins to bite  
you first: He say that sayes a Goll by, and the  
Mustard so lickes him that his eyes watered:  
How now sayes Scoggin, does my iest saue?  
I sayes the Goll, and bite to: If you had had  
better wit sayes Scoggin you would haue bit  
first: so then to conclude with mee, that Dumbe  
unfeeling Mustard, hath more wit then a tal-  
king unfeeling scoule as you are. Some were  
pleased, and some were not: But all Scoggins  
care was taken (for his resolution was such  
euer) before he talkt of any iest.

How

How Scoggin coufined a Frier of  
twenty duckets.

Scoggin before time hauing borrowed ten  
Duckets of a Frier, and now lacking more  
money, went againe to the said Frier to bor-  
row ten more, why quoth he, you owe me ten  
already, how shall I be paid that? why thus  
quoth Scoggin lend me ten more to the ten I  
haue had already, and I will make you a bond  
to pay you twenty at the feast of S. Peter next  
coming, the Frier thinking to haue somewhat  
to shew for his money, lent him the other ten  
duckets wherupon Scoggin made him a bond  
the money to be paid vpon the feast of S. Peter  
in the yeare of our Lord 1490. which figure of  
4 he turned into 5. very cunningly whilst the  
frier was drawing out his money: which was  
done in this maner, 1490. he changed into 1590  
the frier thinking y<sup>e</sup> bond to be rightly written  
went his way: & at the time appointed came to  
Scoggin & demanded his money, your money  
quoth Scoggin, why it is not yet due almoſt  
these 100. yeares. therefore looke in your beere  
& there you shall find it so: the Frier seeing the  
figure of 4 turned into 5. knew himſelfe decie-  
ued, & went his waies with a flea in his eare.

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### Of Scoggins wrongfull accusation.

**V**pon a time Scoggin was wrongfully accused for getting of a Gentleman's Maide with Childe, and for the same brought before a Justice in Rome, which iustice said as followeth. It is a marvaile (Scoggin) that you being now a gentleman of good qualitie, and one of good reputation, would venture thus to get maides with childe, nay rather had Scoggin were it a marvaile, if a maide had gotten me with childe,

Scoggin deceived by a country  
wench.

**S**Coggin as he travelled abroad, was in a towne where in y<sup>e</sup> In was a pretty maide, whose favour was placed in a corner of Scoggins affection, and talking with her appointed to meete him at the bottome of a paire of staires: when night and the houre came, and the maide subtilly sent downe her mistress, who Scoggin catching in his armes, art come wench saies hee, out alas saies the mistress (not knowing who it was) Scoggin hearing



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hearing it was the mistris, start a lide, and the maide came downe with the canle, she espied a glimse of Scoggin, in the dark, who slept in to another roome: how now mistris said the maide, something said shee affrighted me, some man sure for I heard him speake: no, no, mistris said the maid, it was no man, it was a Bull calfe, that I shut into a roome till John our pounder came to haue pounded him for a stray: had I thought that said shee, I would haue hit him such a knock on his fore head, that his hoznes should neuer haue graft his core-combe, and departs by againe affraid: but how Scoggin took this iest thinke you.

How Scoggin deceiued a Drapers maide.

Scoggin another time lacked money, and being a faire yong man without any haire on his face got him on an ancient Gentlewomans gowne putting a Cushion vnder his apozhe, and a French-hood vpon his head, and so vpon a Sunday in seruice time, went to a Drapers house, the maister and all his house being at Church, except a maide seruant that dressed dinner so comming like an olde Gentlewoman to the doore where knocking very

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orderly the maide comes and asked what he would haue, taking him to be some substantiall Gentlewoman, marry (quoth Scoggin) after I pray you stand a gentle womans friend so much as to let her make water in your kitchen, for I am ashamed to do it in the street, & am so nere beset that I can goe no further: the honest simple maide dauning all to be true, let him goe into the kitchen wherein being no sooner come but hee bound the maide hand and foote, and put a gagge into her mouth, and after tooke what he pleased and so left the maide there gaping on the ground with a gag in her mouth: at last comes the goodwife home from the Church, where entring into the kitchen as her manner was, and finding her maide in this pitifull taking was so amazed that she stood sencelesse till her husband came home, who likewise finding his Maide upon the ground gaping for breath, vngagd her and asked her how she came into that extremitie: marry maister quoth she, here came the diuell in a French-hood and gagd me and robbed you for I am sure it was no woman shee was so strong but the draper, could neuer neither get the theefe nor his goods againe, but contented himselfe with that losse, and euer after left more company at home.

Of

Of Scoggins short answer at  
dinner while.

**V**Pon a time there was an olde priest and  
Scoggin dined together in Rome, where  
there was but litle stoze of meate, but Scog-  
gin having a good stomacke, and being a iolly  
fat man, put off his dublet the better to fill his  
belly, & began to lay an loade with his teeth as  
though he had eaten no meate in two or thre  
dayes befoze: the which being perceived by  
the other olde man that sat at the table, he be-  
gan to aske Scoggin many questions, thinking  
thereby to hinder the busie filling of his belly,  
but Scoggin because hee would not lose much  
time, answered the old man very briezely al-  
together in sillables: the questions and an-  
sweres were these. What Garment doe yee  
weare? Strangs. What wine doe ye drinke?  
Red. What flesh doe you eate? Beefe. How  
like you this Wine? Good. You drinke none  
such at home? No. What eate you vpon Fri-  
daies? Egges, and such like: but all this while  
he lost not one mouthfull of meate, for his  
mouth was still going, and yet answered rea-  
dily to all his questions. By this meanes the  
old man went halfe hungry away.

How Scoggin for one day, served in  
a Priests roome.

Scoggin beeing at Rome, and lodged in a  
Priests house there, where an old church-  
man that on a Sunday could not performe  
his dutie to the parish: whereupon Scoggin  
taking vpon him the Priestes office, and as  
though he had bene another Curate dwelling  
hard by, went to the Church and said seruice  
both forenoone and afternoone: but as the or-  
der was then, the parishioners came before  
seruice and confessed them to the priest, but  
amongst the rest there came to Scoggin a  
poore Blacksmith to be confessed, to whom he  
said. Vow sayest thou friend, art thou not  
a fornicator? The poore man said no. Quoth  
Scoggin againe, art thou not a glutton? Art  
thou not superbiours? he said still no, Scoggin  
perceiuing he said still no, to euery thing be-  
gan to wonder, asking againe: Art thou not  
concupiscient? No sir, said hee, Why what  
art thou then quoth Scoggin: I am said hee,  
a poore Blacksmith, for behold here is my  
hammer.

There was also another that answered in  
like

In manner to this confessor, the which is  
some what in better order, it was Sheepe-  
heard, whom Scoggin did aske friend how  
sayest thou? Hast thou kept the commande-  
ments of the Church? No, neither, then said  
Scoggin unto him what hast thou then kept?  
I neuer kept any thing but sheepe in all my  
life quoth the shepheard.

Yet there was another who after hee had  
declared all his faults, was asked if any thing  
else stucke in his conscience? He answered no-  
thing: but that upon a time hee had stolne a  
Walter. Well (said Scoggin) to steale a Walter  
is no great matter. Yea but (said the man)  
there was a horse tyed at the end thereof, I  
marry (qd Scoggin) that is another manner  
of matter: there is difference betweene a horse  
and a halter, you must therefore restore backe  
the horse, and the next time that yee come a-  
gaine, I will absolute you for the halter.

How Scoggin and three or foure more  
deceiued a Tapster in Rome.

**O**n a night Scoggin and three or foure of  
the Popes seruants beeing merrily  
disposed, consulted how they might haue good  
cheate

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cheare and pay no money, and euery one in-  
uented away as they thought best, at last  
Scoggin said, I haue inuented a cleaunely shift  
at the signe of the Rose against Saint Peters  
Church is ane w Tapster, which ere this  
hath not seene any of vs, and he is also pour-  
blinde, so that if he se vs hereafter he cannot  
know vs. Thereloze wee will go thither and  
make good cheare, and when we haue a recko-  
ning, we will contend who shall pay all, then  
will I say to auoide the contention, that the  
Tapster shall be blinded, and we will runne  
round about him, and whosoener he catcheth  
first let him pay for all, and so we may scape  
away. Euery man liked Scoggins deuise best,  
so in conclusion they came thither and had  
good cheare, for they spared no cost so that in  
the end their reckoning grew to ten shillings.  
When as Scoggin had deuised afore, so they  
did. The Tapster was blinded so that they  
ranne round about him, and first Scoggin  
got out, and then another, so that at the last  
they got all away, and left the Tapster gro-  
ping in euery place about the house for them  
that should pay the shot. The maister of the  
house beeing in a chamber next to the place  
where they were, and hearing the stamping  
that

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that they made, came to see what they did, whom the Tapster caught in his armes saying: Sir you must pay the reckoning. Harry said his Maister so I thinke I must indeed, for here is no body else to pay it. Then the Tapster and his Maister sought and enquired for them but they could not finde them.

The talke which Scoggin had with  
a pretty woman.

**G**entlewoman said Scoggin, and the rest  
As you sit, I can tell you strange things:  
now many gallants at supper noted one wo-  
man, who being little and pretty, to vnfit her  
pretinesse had a great wide mouth which shee  
sawing to hide would, pinch in her speeches  
and speake smal but was desirous to heare the  
newes. Scoggin going from Rome to Ve-  
nice, tolde that there was a Proclamation  
made that euery man should haue two wiues,  
now Iesus quoth shee, is it possible? I Gen-  
tlewoman, and other wise able to, for contra-  
rily, women must haue thre husbands,  
now Iaw as said the Gentlewoman, and  
with wonder shewes the full widenesse of her  
Mouth, at which all the Table smiled:  
which

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which thee perceiuing, would answere no more. Now mistress said Scoggin your mouth is lesse then euer it was for; now it is able to say nothing: thou art a cogging knaue sayes thee: Passe, and that is something, yet said Scoggin, your mouth shall bee as wide as eare it was for that iest.

## Of Scoggin and an Vsurer.

**A** Vsurer sometime there was dwelling at Rome, that euer (by report) made many desperat debts but what he deliuered out came stil with profit back againe: Scoggin hearing hereof, laid a wager with a friend of his, that he would by his witte deceiue him therein, So comming to this rich churle, he demanded of him how hee should pzenent desperate debts & keepe himselte from trusting banck-eroutes: This Vsurer kept himselte a loose off, and would not be knowne of the serret to him till a conclusion was made, that Scoggin should bestow a supper of this Donymaster at the fauerne to learne the secret. The supper was prepared, where Scoggin and the Vsurer supped merrily: but during supper time, they fell in conference touching the matter, where the



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the Usurer tolde Scoggin that if hee dealt as  
he vsed to doe hee could make no euill debts:  
and that was, that hee should not take any  
mans bill, bond, or word, but euer be sure of  
a good payne worth double or treble his mo-  
ney in vsance with a good bill of sale in open  
market. The Supper being almost ended,  
this olde Usurer hauing well liquozed him-  
selfe, and olde vessels must needs leak, would  
needs be gone to make water: nay then (sayd  
Scoggin) you meane to leaue mee not so  
(quoth the Usurer) if you thinke that heere  
happes my golwe, hee went forth to make wa-  
ter, who hauing no sower turned his backe,  
but Scoggin toke his golwe, and laide it to  
payne in the Barre for the shot, and so went  
his way. Thus Frauds was deceined with  
Deceite.

### How Scoggin got away the Abbots Horie fram him.

**O**n a time Scoggin was sent for to an Ab-  
bot in Rome, to pastime with him, when  
he fel sicke and like to die, whereupon he was  
spurned and would haue bene housed and his  
burie

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durst not for feare of casting. The Abbot said Crede & manducasti, that is to say, beleuee thou hast receiued. When Scoggin recovered, the Abbot lent him his owne horse to ride home on, Scoggin sent not home the Abbots horse, wherefore the Abbot sent for his horse, but Scoggin answered the messenger, and said, when I was sick at home with your maister, I would haue receiued the holy Sacrament of the Alter, and he bad mee beleue, and I had receiued the sacrament of the Alter: so in like manner, let him beleue that hee had receiued his horse and it is sufficient, and tell him his horse he shall neuer haue. By this a man may perceiue that a man should not lend his horse nor his weapon, nor his wife to no man if he lone himselfe or his owne profit, for by it neuer commeth gaines.

How Scoggin was made Priest.  
at Rome.

Scoggin being noted throughout all Rome for a shifting companion, could not well tell how to liue any longer there, vntill he became

became one of the Church : and considering  
with him selfe that hee was a maister of Arte,  
and sufficient enough to perforce any office  
of the Church, wherupon he made sute to the  
Pope to be made a Priest, the which was done  
immediatly. Within a while after hee made  
an Oration before the Pope, and many of his  
Clergie, and considering their Pompe and  
pride, hee sayd nothing in the Pulpit, but he  
Saint Peter, and he Saint Paul, and when he  
had many times recited these words, spitting  
first on the one side, then on the other, hee so  
dainely departed the Pulpit, leaving his ad-  
ditors wonderfully amazed, wherefoze some  
thought hee was not well in his wits, and o-  
ther some imagined hee was not sound in reli-  
gion, so as they meant to commit him to pri-  
son : But one Frier amongst the rest that  
partly knew his humour, caused him to be  
called before the Pope, who commaunded him  
to shew some reason for that he had done : hee  
answered that in troth hee was determined  
to intreate of another matter. But confi-  
dering (said Scoggin) that you possesse all  
the pleasures of the World at will, and  
that there is no state comparable to yours :  
and

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and weighing againe with my selfe, in what poverty, paine and misery, the Apostle lined in: I thought that either they were great fooles to choosethat sharpe a life to goe to heauen, or you, that hauing the keyes of heauen in your hands, were in the high way to hell: this for that time proued a sufficient answer to the Pope, so blinded was he with ambition and Idolatry, that hee did not perceiue when he was iested at.

How Sc coggin saued his head from cutting off.

**S**Coggin vpon a time traueilling a litle from Rome, and lodging in an homely Inne, during which time there was a Gentleman dwelling in the same towne, somewhat franticke and distraunt of his wittes: which madman of a sudden rusht into Scoggins bed Chamber, with his sword drawn and finding him there in bed, would haue slaine him, saying: villaine were it not valiantly done to strike off thy knaues head at one blow, Scoggin answered, tut sir, thats nothing worth to doe, you can as easily strike off two heads at one blow as one, wherefoze if you please

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please, ile go downe and call by another, and  
so you may strike off both our heads at once:  
the mad man beleened him, and so let him slip  
away.

### How Scoggin iested with a Boy in the street.

**A** Wag-baker boy met Scoggin in the  
streets, and said: Matter Scoggin who  
lives longest? Harry, boy, saies Scoggin,  
he that dieth latest: and why die men so fast  
said the Boy? because they want bzeath said  
Scoggin: no, rather said the Boy, because  
their time is come, they die: When thy time is  
come said Scoggin, see who comes yonder?  
who said the Boy? Harry, said Scoggin,  
swag the hangman: nay hang me then, if I  
employ him at this time, sayes the Boy:  
well said Scoggin, then thou wilt be hanged  
another time by thy owne confession, and  
so they departed.

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How Scoggin escaped imprisonment.

**S**coggin having bene dominéring verie  
late one night with two of his friends, and  
comming homeward, the watch was set, and  
M. Constable askt who goes there, the me-  
ry men quoth Scoggin: that is not sufficient,  
what art thou quoth M. Constable? Why  
saith Scoggin one of vs is an eye-maker, and  
the other a light-maker: What saiest thou  
knowest thou mocke me, the one is an eyemaker,  
the other a light-maker, which two proper-  
ties belong unto God onely. Commit these  
blasphemers quoth the Constable: Nay, I  
pray you god M. Constable bee good in your  
office, I will approue what I haue said to be  
true, if thou canst saie the Constable, you shall  
passe otherwaie you shall all three be punished.  
Why quoth Scoggin, this fellow is an eye-  
maker, because a spectacle maker, and this a  
light-maker, because a Chandler that  
maketh the darkest night as light as your lan-  
thorne. The Constable seeing them so pleasant  
was well contented, the rest of the watch-  
men laughed, and Scoggin with his compa-  
nions, went home quietly.

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How Scoggin serued an old woman  
at Rome.

**T**here was dwelling sometime in Rome a  
widow woman that was so miserable in  
house-keeping, that no servant would dwell  
with her any long time: of which woman  
Scoggin heard tell of, and being desirous to  
play the iesting companion with her, he went  
vnto her, and hires himselfe with her to worke  
for a month: the bargaine being thus agreed  
vpon betwixt them, vpon a morning betime  
he came to her house to begin his worke: but  
(quoth he) Dame before I begin, I must haue  
my breakfast. Alby that thou shalt haue for  
this time, said she, but vse it not: so she set him  
a miserable breakfast vpon the table, which he  
eate by euery crum. Now Dame, quoth he, let  
me haue my dinner to, and I wil haue none at  
none: the which she likewise gaue him, but he  
eate vp all that in like manner as before: The  
which being done, he said againe, Dame to  
saue a labour, I pray you let me haue my sup-  
per to, and then I le trouble you no more till  
to morrow: shee thinking to saue some vic-  
tualls thereby, gaue him his supper also,

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the which he likewise ate vp as befoze being done, he ariseth from the table and said: Dame I haue now eaten my breakfast, my dinner, and my supper: but I pray you tell me one thing: What do folkes vse to do when they haue sapt? Harry fellow (quoth shee) goe to bed and sleepe. Euen so (quoth Scoggin) will I doe, for I haue now sapt, and therefore Dame goes night. By these wordes she knew well that she was flouted, and neuer after would meddle with Scoggin againe.

### Of Scoggin and a countrey Milke maide.

Scoggin vpon a time being in a countrey  
village, came to Rome in the company of a  
merrie conceited Milke maide, carrying vpon  
her head a paille of Milke to the Market,  
thinking to sell it: to passe the time away,  
to Maister Scoggin, she made her reckoning  
afozehand in this manner. First (quoth the  
Maide) I will sell my Milke for two pence,  
and then with this two pence, buy eight  
Egges, which I will set a brood vnder a hen,  
and shee will haue eight Chickens: which  
Chickens being growne vp, I will craune  
them



them and by that meanes they will bee Capons: these Capons being young, will bee worth twelue pence a peece that is iust eight shillings, with the which I will buy two pigs, a sow pig, and a Boare pig, and they growing great, will bring forth twelue others, the which I will sell (after I haue kept them a while) for halfe a crowne peece, that is iust thirty shillings. Then I will buy a Mare that will bring forth a faire Foale: the which will grow vp and be gentle and faire, that she will play, skip, leape and sing, and cry weehee after enery Beast that shall passe by. But now for the ioy this Milke-maide toke of her supposed Foale, and in her tollity counterfetting to shew her Foales lustinesse, her pail of Milke fell downe from her head, and was all spilt. Then Scoggin laughing, said, vnto her: There now lies all your Egges, your Chickens, your Capons, your Piggies, your Mare, her Colt and all, vpon the ground, so by this meanes, was she depriued of all her purposes.

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### How Scoggin deceiued an Innholder at Venice.

**V**pon a certaine time, Scoggin & his man  
trauelled to Venice, and other places of  
Italy, and making merry there so long till  
all their money was gone, and being a great  
way to Rome, they knew not what to doe,  
but as want is the tobestone of wit, Scoggin  
gathered his conceits together, and practised  
a trick to beare him vp to Rome, without mo-  
ney, and this it was: bnt an Inne in Venice  
they went, and there lay for two or thre dates  
of greate charge, although no money hee had  
to pay for the same, the third morning hee had  
his man goe downe and malecontent, himselfe  
before his Host and his Hostis and mum-  
blingly said to himselfe: Lord, Lord, what a  
scald maister serue I, this it is to serue a Je-  
suite or Abiss, now euen as I am an honest  
man, I leaue him in the lurch and shift for  
my selfe: heres adoe about penance and me-  
ritification, as though (forsooth) Christ had not  
died enough for all: His man mumbling out  
these his instructions so dissemblingly, that it  
stooke such a ielousie in the Innholders heart,  
that

that out of doubt his maister was a Jesuite or  
Athiest: wherupon he presently sent for the  
Constable, and told him all the aforesaid mat-  
ter, and so went by both together, to attache  
Scoggin in his chamber, who purposely had  
shut himselfe in close, and betaken him to his  
knees, and to his crosse to make the matter  
seeme more suspicious: which they espying  
throughe the key-hole, made no more adoe but  
in they rushed, and arrested him for a Jesuit or  
Athiest, discharged his scoze, boze his own, and  
his boyes charges by to Rome, and there in  
hope to haue rich rewards, presented him to the  
Cardinall, but now marke the iest, when the  
Cardinall saw Scoggin, and knew him pas-  
sing well, entertained him most courteously, &  
all to besold the Inholder and his mate, and  
sent them away with a flea in their eare: but  
when Scoggin saw himselfe discharged out of  
their hands, he stood iesting and pointing at  
their follie, and so taught them by cunning  
both more wit, and thurst, against another  
time.

Scoggins description of a pot  
of Ale.

**V**pon a time Scoggin came vnto a great  
Person in Rome, and made such merry  
pastime befoze him, that in recompence there-  
of he was bidden to demaund any reasonable  
request, and he should haue it. Harry my re-  
quest (quoth Scoggin) shall be reasonable e-  
nough, for I craue nothing at you: handes,  
but euery day whilst I liue a pot of Ale, and  
the appurtenances belonging to the same, the  
which hee had giuen him vnder an assurance.  
Now by this gift (quoth Scoggin) you haue  
giuen me sixe pence a day whilst I liue, for  
the appurtenances are farre moze costlier then  
the pot it selfe, which I will proue in this  
manner: First, I must ebery day haue a pen-  
ny for a pot of Ale, a penny for a loafe to make  
a toast: a penny for a saggot to toast it, a pen-  
ny for Sinnamon and Ginger, a penny for  
Butmegs and Sugar, and a penny for mine  
Hollise to beare me company: without the  
which, a pot of Ale is like a blew coate with-  
out a Badge. For a blew Coate without a  
Badge, is like an Alehouse without a signe.

How

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How Scoggin gaue a reckoning

Pot.

Scoggin vpon a time dwelt at Rome vpon  
the Cardinale rents, in which house keeping  
an Alehouse, there came certaine Schollers  
and other, to dzinke, but being set downe one  
of the Schollers said, bee merrie my good  
fellowes, for none shall spend a penny but  
my selfe, at which wordes the whole com-  
pany thinking that he would pay for all, called  
in a reckoning of some twelue pence, which  
when they came to pay, there was no more  
money amongst them all but the Schollers  
penny, the which Scoggin hearing them sit-  
ting by the fire, and knowing them to be ho-  
nest mens sonnes, for that time, toke the  
penny for the whole reckoning, and after sat  
him downe againe by the fire in the Chaire.  
the Schollers sate still looking one vpon ano-  
ther, and at last one of them said: What mine  
Host, is the reckoning all payde? It is my  
guesse (quoth Scoggin) sit I can get no  
more. Why then (quoth the Scholler againe)  
I hope we shall haue a reckoning Pot giuen  
vs? A reckoning Pot my boyes (quoth Scog-  
gin)

## Scoggins Iestes.

gin) and but a penny paide for all, I saith that you shall, though I buy it dearely my Lads: so starting vp fetcht them a reckoning Bot. But it fell out that at Christmas following when Scoggin came to pay his rent, he was bid to dinner, where for want of table talke, he told the Cardinall of this pleasant test that hapned amongst these schollers: the which so highly pleased and contented the Cardinall, that he gaue him a lease of the same house for one and twenty yeares following for iust nothing: which afterward was worth to Scoggin better then an hundred pound.

How Scoggin made a Cobler beleene  
that he was dead.

Scoggin being still about Rome, hee grete acquainted with a poore handy-crafts man, a mender of old shoes: in wit very simple: and as I may terme him a very sole. Scoggin meaning to make some sport with this simple fellow, upon a time came vnto him, and gazed very earnestly in his face, saying: I maruell my friend, how thou art able to walke abroad, for I see that thou art very sick, death himselfe appears in thy face. After  
this

this, another of Scoggins acquaintance comes  
unto the Cobler, and in like manner bleth the  
same wordes, and after him another, all by  
Scoggins deuising: By which meanes, the  
poore fellow was brought into such a conceit,  
that he thought himselfe sicke in deade, and so  
to bed he went: where after he had layne a  
while, hee would needs die: being dead in  
conceite, he was wound in his winding sheet,  
and laide on the Beere, as the countrey order  
is, and on foure mens backs borne towards  
the Church, but by the way meeting with an  
vnhappy Boy, who asked the bearers who  
was going to bee buried? Who answered,  
poore Jacob the honest Cobler. Quoth the  
Boy againe. What is Jacob the Cobler  
dead? Nay it is no matter, for he may be wel  
spared, for he was the veriest knaue in al the  
towne. With that the Cobler started vp, and  
said, Oh thou vnhappy Gallowes boy: if I  
were alive as I am dead, I would soundly  
bee labored thee for standing thus a poore  
dead man going to be buried. The people hea-  
ring the dead man thus speake, thought it a  
miracle, and so bore him home to his house a-  
gaine.

## Scoggins Iestes,

### Of Scoggins most strange and monstrous beast.

**O**n a time Scoggin being in Rome grew  
very merily disposed, and meaning for to  
make his acquaintance somewhat pleasant,  
he went to a Painter and made him to draw  
the picture of a most strange Horse, with his  
head standing where his taile should stand,  
and his taile where his head should stand, the  
picture being thus strangely painted, he hung  
it forth at a window: by which many simple  
people repaired thither, and gaue him pence  
a peece to behold this strange monster: so ga-  
thering a number of them together in a yard,  
at last he let them all into a stable to see this a-  
foresaid monster, but being entred into the  
stable, they saw no other monster but a horse  
with his taile tied vp to the crutch to a bott  
of hay, and his head to the grope where the  
taile should stand. Thus were the simple peo-  
ple flouted, and Scoggins acquaintance made  
very merry thereby

How



## Scoggins Iestes.

How Scoggin bestowed vpon his  
friends excellent good  
Sammon.

**V**pon a time Scoggin had many of his friends come home to make merry with him, who was to goe to a banquet of all other meates, requested at his hands some excellent good Sammon, which as then was not to be had for any money in all Rome, but yet to satisfie his friends desires, he promised to send for some, the which he did: so sitting downe to dinner, in the midst whereof, came in three of his honest neighbours and sate them downe likewise at the table: but his friends expected still the Sammon, at last demanded for the same. Why (quoth Scoggin) here it is. They seeing nothing, asked where? Harry here (quoth he) pointing to his 3. neighbours: you requested excellent good Sammon, here is excellent, here is good, and theres Sammon, for so were his three neighbours called. Being thus by this pleasant iest deceived of their longing, they passed away dinner time with great delight and iollity.

How

## Scoggins Iestes.

### Scoggins opinion of Oysters.

**C**ertaine Noble men and Ladies of the Court, being eating Oysters, one of them saying Scoggin, called him, and asked if he loved Oysters? No, quoth Scoggin, for they be vngodly meate, vncharitable meate, and vnprofitable meate: why quoth the courtier: they are vngodly, because they are eaten without grace, vncharitable, because they leaue nought but Shells, and vnprofitable, because they must swim in wine. Thou saiest true, quoth one of them, and so they all fell on laughing at him.

### Scoggins resolution of a question,

**O**ne of the company, taking the Gentlemans part, asked Scoggin, at what time he thought the diuell to be most busied? When the Pope dieth quoth he, why saith the courtier: marry (answered he) then all the Diuels are troubled and busied to plague him, for that he hath sent many a soule before him thither, that now exclaime against him.

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## Sooggins Iestes.

How Scoggin by his wit got a  
suite of apparell by a  
Courtier.

A Gallant Gentleman lying in the Court,  
A bought himsefe a suite of Satten, the  
which Scoggin had a great desire to get, and  
thinking to purchase it by his wit, said vnto  
the Gentleman, and it please your worship I  
haue had a great desire to haue such a suite of  
apparell, and of the same fashion that yours is  
of: quoth the Gentleman, when I leaue it of,  
I will giue it thee: so the next morning Scog-  
gin gets the suite of apparell: the Gentleman  
missing it called his man, wherupon in comes  
Scoggin with it vpon his backe, which the  
Gentleman perceining, called him knane, and  
alked his reason? Why, (quoth Scoggin) you  
gaue it me when you left it off, so yesternight  
you put it off: the Gentleman seeing himsefe  
ouer-reacht, was content against his will.

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## Scoggins Iestes.

### How Scoggin excused a painters fault.

**T**Hus it fell out, that vpon a time when Scoggin was in the presence of a great Cardinall, there came in a Painter of Rome, with the Images of Saint Peter and S. Paul, the which he had newly painted. The Cardinall himselfe taking them at his hand, found fault that he had painted them with too high a colour, for their faces (said he) are too red, marry (quoth Scoggin then standing by) in the painters behalfe, this rednesse cometh of shame, for they blush to see the proude state and traines that you haue, in respect of the lowe and poore countenances they carryed: for this his doot he had a great checke of the Cardinall for his labour.

### How Scoggin deceiued a Butcher in a market towne.

**A**s Scoggin rid through a market towne about ten miles from Rome, it was his chaunce to haite at a Butchers house being an Inne, which Butcher hauing great store

## Scoggins Jokes.

of meate in his shop, he meant to deceive him  
of a good sopht thereof: but not knowing how  
to obtaine his desire because of the Butchers  
continuall presence, this pretty shift he deu-  
ised. Quoth he to the Butcher, mine Hoast  
they say in our country that he is a sole that  
cannot snap with his finger and thumbe as I  
now do, and therewithal did as Barbarians do to  
do with their hands when they wash a mans  
face: The Butcher being very loath to be  
counted a sole, profered to make his fingers  
snap, but through the greasynesse thereof, he  
could not doe it fr<sup>st</sup> his heart: whereupon he  
presently ran smyth to wash off the fat, and in  
the meane tyme befoze his returne Scoggin  
had sent away a good sopht of meate by his  
Boy, standing at the doze: but when the  
Butcher returned, having made cleane his  
fingers, he said, Now sir, I can doe it as well  
as your selfe, I but quoth Scoggin, now it is  
to late, you should haue done it befoze. By this  
test the Butcher perceined himselfe made a  
sole, and so set him downe all ashamed.

How Scoggin deceived the Butcher  
another way.

**S**Coggin hauing receiued such great  
kindnesse in the Butchers house, that at  
his returne from Rome he lodged in the  
same Inn againe: But the Butcher  
himselfe mistaking some false tricks, would  
not be out of his shop but yet through the wil-  
linesse of Scoggins wit, he was deceived: for  
as the butchers boy (being directed by mat-  
ter Scoggin) went downe into the Cellar to  
draw a pot of drinke, where pulling out of the  
faucet, he put it in his pocket, and called to his  
maister for his helpe to stop in the drinke, wha-  
for safegard thereof, ranne downe and held  
his finger in the hole untill the boy went vp  
for another top: and whilst the peece silly  
tender Butcher stood holding his finger in the  
tap hole, Scoggin like a crafty companion, ran  
into the shop, and stole another trent of meate  
and made merry with his friends at the next  
Inne they came too.

## Scoggin: Iestes.

How Scoggin excommunicated  
his parishioners.

**VV**ithin a while after this, Scog-  
gin received a certaine scroule  
from the Cardinall and a Bi-  
shop, wherein was written the  
names of sundry men and women, that he  
should excommunicate, the which scroule by  
chance he let falle into a little hole of his po-  
cket, for remedie whereof he helped himselfe in  
this order, for with the losse of the paper, he  
had lost the remembrance of all the names he  
should haue them excommunicated, and there-  
fore thus he said, I excommunicate all those  
that are within that hole, whereupon remem-  
bring himselfe better of the matter, he except  
the Cardinall and Bishop who had there-  
unto set their hands and seales, else had the  
Bishop and Cardinall bin both of them excom-  
municated.

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## Scoggins Iestes.

How Scoggin ouer-tooke a Priest and kept  
company with him, and how hee  
and the priest prayed for  
money.

**V**pon a time when Scoggin and his man  
had ridden eight or ten miles on their  
way. he ouertooke a Priest that was riding to  
Rome to pay his first frutes, with whom he  
kept company withall untill he come within  
twenty mile of Rome, and al that way as they  
rod, Scoggin made the priest very good cheate  
e would let him pay no money, so that Scoggin  
had but two shillings left, and riding a little  
on this side Rome, Scoggin complained to the  
Parson in this sort: I maruel master Parson  
(quoth he) how men doe when they want  
money to get it? For when I want money  
I knowe not how to get any, except I should  
Deale. No no, said the Priest, doe you not  
knowe that they that serue God well doe not  
want: and how that God promisseth, that if  
you call vpon him in your afflictions, that he  
will helpe you: You say well master Par-  
son said Scoggin, and roade befoze, and  
when he saw a faire place hee knelled downe,  
and



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and lifted vp his hands and prayed to God  
till maister Warlon and his man did ouertake  
him, but nothing hee could get. When  
they were come, hee coulde them hee praye  
ed, but could get nothing. But (quoth he)  
I will trie once againe, and then if I get  
nothing, both you maister Warlon and my  
man shall helpe mee to pray, for I doe not  
doubt but God will helpe something, when  
he heareth all our prayers. And then Scog-  
gin did ride afoze againe, and when he sawe  
his place conuenient, hee alighted from his  
Horse and tyed him fast to a tree, and knoled  
downe and prayed as hee had done before:  
untill such time as they came to him: When  
said the Warlon, how doe you now Mas-  
ter Scoggin. By my troth said hee, I  
can get nothing, wherefoze alight I will,  
quoth hee vnto his man, and tye vpps your  
Horse to yonder tree, and then hee went to  
the Warlon and toke his Horse by the bit-  
tle, and toold him hee must needes helpe  
him to pray. The Warlon for feare durst not  
say him nay, but alighted and toke his Cap-  
sack from the saddle bein, wherein was fiftie  
pounds, Then Scoggin asked his man how  
much

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much money had in his purse. He said twentie  
pence. He my troth said Scoggin, and I  
have but two shillings: and how much have  
you maister Parson said he: The Par-  
son thought that if hee had tolde him all, hee  
would surely have borrowed a good part of  
it, and hee said five poundes, Well let vs  
pray heartily said Scoggin, and then they  
kneled downe and prayed the space of halfe  
an houre: and Scoggin said, let vs see whe-  
ther God hath heard our request or no. And  
then he looked in his owne purse, where was  
but two shillings, and then hee looked in his  
mans purse where was but twentie pence,  
Then Scoggin came to the Parson, and  
said: now maister Parson let vs see what you  
have, so: I doe not doubt but God hath heard  
your prayers, and take the priests capcase, and  
opened it, wherein was a bagge with fiftie  
poundes in it, which the Parson should have  
payde for his first frutes. Then Scoggin  
spread his Clooke abroad and poured out  
the money, and when hee had counted it, he  
sayd, by Ladie maister Parson God hath  
heard your prayer: and then hee gave him fiftie  
poundes, and said maister Parson, here is  
the

## Scoggins Teller.

The five pounds that you had before we began to pray and the rest we will haue : for I see that you are so well acquainted with God that with praying halfe an houre, you can get as much more: and this will do vs great pleasure, and it is but a small matter for you to pray halfe an houre. The Baron desired Scoggin to let him haue the rest of the money, for hee said that he did ride to London to pay the self frantes. Well said Scoggin then you must pray againe for we will haue this, and so they rode away and left the Priest behinde them, and the Priest was faine to ride home againe for more money.

How the Pope came to heare Scoggin say Seruice.

**S**Coggin of himself being mery conceited would alwayes say seruice quite contrary to all others, and would read and sing them after his owne maner: and aboue all the rest hee could not abide the order of the passion; as it is commonly said in Churches as when Iesus spake any thing to the Iewes or to Pilate: then would hee speake aloud that euery one might heare and vnderstand.

## Scoggins Iestes?

And if it were the Jewes or any other that  
spake, then would he read it so softly and with  
such a low voyce, that none could heare nor  
understand: but it so hapned, that the Pope  
upon a good Friday went through the parish  
where Scoggin dwelled, and being about ten  
of the clocke in the forenoon, hee minded to  
heare service, and so came into the Church  
where Scoggin was in saying service: which  
when hee came to the Passion he read on this  
manner, and when he said, *Whom seeke ye?*  
he made all the Church to ring againe with  
his voyce, but when he read *Iesus of Nazareth*,  
he spake so softly that none could heare  
him: and in this order went forward with  
his service. The Pope, who was very devout  
noted these ceremonies, and was greatly  
grieved at this order of reading, and wished  
that he had not come to the Church. But af-  
ter service he sent for Scoggin that he should  
come and speake with him, who being come,  
hee said unto him: I cannot tell Sir where  
you have learned to behaue your selfe so un-  
necessarily as you have done this day: for the  
people to heare your service, had no deuotion  
at all, and why so said Scoggin, marre quoth  
the Pope, you have read the Passion to day  
like

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## Scoggins Iesse.

like a mad man, for whē Christ speaketh, then  
you read like the common cryer, and if Pilate  
or any of the Jewes speake, then you speake  
softly to your selfe that no body can here you:  
Is it well done thinke you? are you worthy to  
haue a cure: therefore I will take away your  
Benefice and make you acknowledge your  
fault: when Scoggin had long giuen eare vn-  
to him, he answered: Is this all you haue to  
say to me? now by my soule it is true: that is  
commonly said, there are many folke that  
speake of that wherein they haue no skill, And  
please your Holinesse, I thinke I know what  
belongs to my office so well as another, and  
I would that all the world should know that  
God is well serued in my parish according to  
my degree, as in any place within this hun-  
dred miles: I know there bee other Priestes  
vsing the passion after another manner, the  
which I can doe; I thanke God, as well as  
they if I would, but it should appeare that  
they understode not what they read, for both  
it become the knaue Jewes, to speake so low  
as Iesus? No, no, I warrant you: be ye sure  
that in my parish God shal be master so long  
as I do liue, and let others do in their parish ac-  
cording to their knowledge. When the Pope  
heard

## Scoggins letter.

heard this proper reply, he said: Alas truly  
I am pined, you see a man of good spirit, yet for  
all this shall you not keep your benevolence any  
longer, whereupon he was discharged, and an  
other put in his place.

## How Scoggin served a country

### Squire.

**S**coggin being thus disgraced and turned  
from his benefice, he attired himself like  
a country servingman, and went into the  
country to dwell; where he was hired of a  
certain squire that to be great delight to tra-  
vell into strange countries to see fashions, the  
which pleased Scoggin much more well: so it  
happened that this squire with his man Scog-  
gin rode upon a time to see the Citty of Ve-  
nice where the old Gentleman had not long  
before been, but in an evening after he had well  
supped, and filled his head with story of good  
living, yet being not thus satisfied, his mind  
longed for some further pleasure, as old men  
are apt to such wantonness when their wits  
are ever charged with wine: wherefore after

## Scoggins Iestes,

his delicate he had a desire to taste a small  
modicum of luste muston, whereupon he sent  
his man forth for a daintie morsell: so Scog-  
gin going almost a whole day vp and downe,  
and could not finde any fitting to his purpose,  
whereupon he turned backe to his maister and  
told him he could find none that would please  
him, wherby villaine, quoth the old leacher, goe  
fetch me one or neuer come to me againe: vp-  
on this commaund away goeth Scoggina, and  
to satisfie his maisters minde, went all about  
the streets, and at the last agrees with an old  
rustie kitchin-staffe, as foule and as blacke as  
the backside of a chimney, who was verie  
glad to goe to so good a bargaine: So late in  
the evening, because his maister should not  
be suspected, he brought her in at a backe doore  
secretly without a candle, to his maisters bed,  
wher he put off her filthy foule clothes, and went  
into bed to him, who to his great pleasure and  
delight in her company all the night, till it  
drew towards the morning: and then after  
having had all the sport and pleasure that any  
old maister could doe unto her, the next day  
breake prepares her selfe to bee gone, where-  
at so, his stony heart and honestie hee was  
like-

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like his small content, she was no sooner read-  
 his and out of his eyes, but up he gets, and lo-  
 ked out of the window after her, to see what  
 a beautifull bedfellow hee had had all night,  
 but when he saw such an ill-fauoured raine-  
 beaten and withered peece of stoffe, up hee  
 called his man Scoggin, and in a great rage  
 for that offence turnes him out of his seruice.  
 Scoggin poyse fellow being thus maister-  
 lesse, home he goeth to his old mistresse, and  
 telleth her how that his maister hath turned  
 him out of his seruice. She being very desirous  
 to know the cause, he saith, I saith mistresse  
 for nothing but this, he sent me to buy him  
 a yong Pullet and I brought him a verie  
 old hen, which hee liked well both in the  
 sitting and in the roasting, but in the mor-  
 ning when hee beheld the feathers that she  
 shewd, it so boyled in his stomacke that hee al-  
 together became sicke euen with a conceit, where-  
 fore, for this offence onely hath hee turned  
 me away. If this be all (quoth his mistresse)  
 take no care. He pacifie thy master I warrant  
 thee. So Scoggin remained with his mistresse  
 till her husband came home, who said to him,  
 I am a marvell husband that you will turne  
 away



## Scoggins Lestes.

away your man so; so small a matter but on-  
ly so; buying you an old Ven in stead of a young  
pullet, now I pray you husband take him a-  
gaine, and I will be his warrant he shal neuer  
do the like offence moze, the old man  
perceined how his man had excused  
the matter to re-obtaine his fa-  
mour, he tooke him againe  
into his seruice.

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